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For: LIQUID PHASE OXYGENATION REACTION

USING TUNGSTEN SPECIES

Examiner: T. V. Oh

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.